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Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

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Hedstrom to Offer Glide Guard Kit for Gym Sets

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Hedstrom Corporation, Bedford, Pennsylvania is voluntarily adding a Glide Guard to selected gym set models that have a glide ride assembly.

Between 1982 and July 31, 1988, Hedstrom sold approximately 370,000 gyms with glide ride assemblies which have 2-3/8 inch top bars. Hedstrom is aware of 12 incidents where the user has stood on the slide or crossbar, reached over to propel or stop the motion of the ride and has entrapped or pinched a portion of a finger in the bracket mechanism, resulting in severed fingertips or severe lacerations.

The affected units have a model identification label located on the top bar. These model numbers are: Hedstrom Brand, model numbers 4-277, 4-377, 4-677, 4-777, 4-778, 4-877; Sears Brand, model numbers 72226, 72026 and 72066. These models incorporate a glide ride assembly with a 2-3/8 inch top bar using a V-bolt bracket attachment.

Hedstrom Corporation will provide a free Glide Guard Kit and assembly instructions to all owners of the affected models.

To obtain a free Glide Guard Kit, consumers owning an affected gym set should call Hedstrom's toll-free number, 1-800-233-3271; in Pennsylvania, call 1-800-242-9034, or write Hedstrom Corporation, Department 100, P.O. Box 432, Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522-0432.

NOTE: To report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, consumers may call the CPSC toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypewriter for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8270; the Maryland TTY number is 1-800-492-8104.

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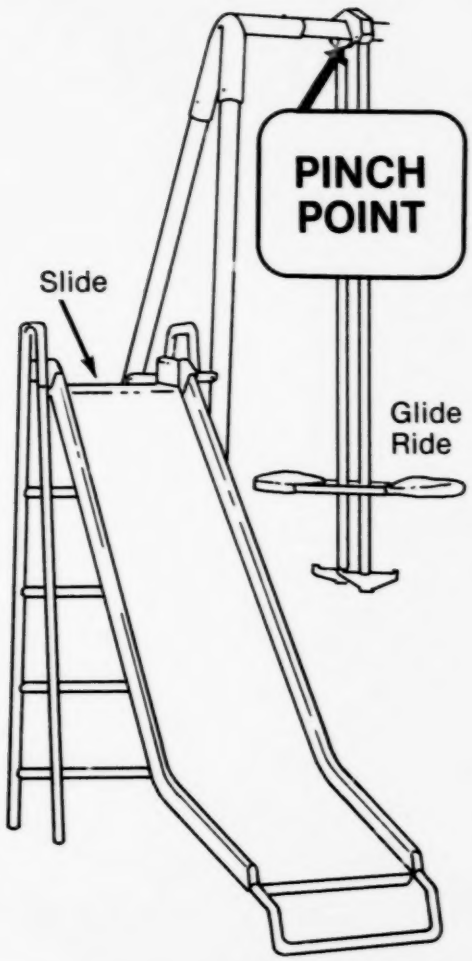

Affected models can be identified by reading the model I.D. label found on the Top Bar:

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or Sears Brand

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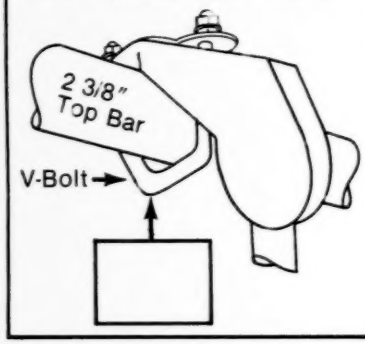
UNPROTECTED BRACKET



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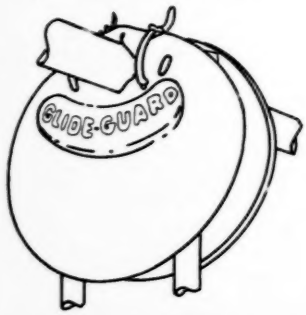

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